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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents:

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated September 22, 2004, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed October 28, 2004. The present amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.